



D.R.E.A.M NOW PROGRAM



CALLING ALL YOUTH!!!

We are looking for a collection of phenomenal young men and women who have the potential and desire to be great leaders to participate in an extraordinary youth leadership program.

The D.R.E.A.M. NOW Program is an intensive youth leadership program that develops the social, emotional, physical and intellectual competencies critical to future leadership proficiency. "D.R.E.A.M." stands for developing responsible, educated, adaptive minds! "D.R.E.A.M NOW" reflects the urgency of this critical development to prepare youth for success in education, society and throughout life. The program provides opportunities for individual growth and increases the self-esteem, self-confidence and interpersonal relationship skills of those who participate. The innovative program curriculum provides a unique fusion of leadership development, instruction, interactive activities and field trips. Each program participant obtains an invaluable collection of experiences, knowledge and relationships that provides a transformational effect on their lives. The program offers a customizable template, adjustable for a weekly, bi-weekly or monthly schedule format. The program can tailor to any student age demographic to provide age appropriate, stimulating experiences and learning activities that challenge each student at their respective stage of youth.





PROGRAM WORKSHOPS

The program features a variety of workshop series designed to develop the competencies critical to leadership proficiency. The following pages detail a small sample of our workshop series inventory.

Introduction & Team Building

Participants will learn about each other through fun and engaging exercises during their initial session. Students will engage in team development activities and begin to develop a sense of commonality and shared experience.

Leadership

The program's leadership series is devoted to understanding and framing the concept of leadership and being leaders as agents for change. Understanding how others perceive the leader's style, how behavior is influenced, the degree to which others are involved in decision-making are key concepts of working with and through others as effective leaders.

Managing Your Brand (Life Skills)

This workshop series focuses on defining, managing and projecting one's personal brand and e-image in a technologically advancing social media-driven society. Participants will understand the importance of making a positive first impression, build a resume and participate in mock interviews and resume critiques that will further one's personal brand.

The Good, The Bad and the Ugly

This series is dedicated to discussing challenging but necessary topics relevant to the lives of the student participants and helping them formulate a roadmap to navigate successfully through possible traps and pitfalls. Topics such as peer pressure, substance abuse, bullying, sex, sexuality and consent are explored.



**Entrepreneurship
& Fiscal Responsibility**

On February 27, 2014, President Barack Obama launched the “My Brother’s Keeper” (MBK) Initiative, a call to action to address persistent opportunity gaps faced by boys and young men of color and ensure all young people can reach their full potential. In February 2016, the Administration announced the creation of new STEM and entrepreneurship tracks within MBK. A number of community organizations were selected as community partners and challenged to expand STEM and entrepreneurship opportunities in various communities. The McMikle Group was named as one of those community partners through its D.R.E.A.M Now Program. This workshop was born out of that commitment.

The entrepreneur workshop is an introduction to the concept of business ownership that will allow students to gain an understanding of entrepreneurship as a viable career choice and motivate movement towards a greater exploration of that reality.

Month five is also devoted to our financial common sense curriculum. The students receive an introduction to money and explore currency of different nations. That introduction is followed by a money management workshop that introduces the concepts of earning, saving, investing and protecting money. The day concludes by dividing participants into competing groups that participate in a stock investment game. Each group selects a portfolio of stocks and tracks their performance over a determined time interval. The winning group is selected based on the performance of their portfolio.

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College Day

EXPERIENCE

The college day experience is one of the D.R.E.A.M. NOW Program's signature components. This one-day event focuses on exposing program participants to the collegiate experience. Students will understand the importance of college to the accomplishment of their career dreams. The day is centered around a field trip to a college or university campus to allow students direct exposure to the "look and feel" of college. The experience offers a customized student orientation, a class on campus, a campus tour, lunch in a school cafeteria and an unforgettable experience that cements the reality that college is a necessary and obtainable option for them .

Community Service

Participants will learn about the importance of citizenship and social change through engagement in a community service project. Youth are charged with designing, developing, implementing and executing their own community service project.

Graduation

The final program of the year features a series of interactive leadership and team-building challenges often conducted in an outside environment. The day concludes with a graduation ceremony where school administrators and parents are invited to attend and witness a year ending program.





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